



Adopt-A-Trail Program!

Contribute to the enhancement and safety of your community's parks and trails. Enthusiasm and dedication are the only prerequisites to adopting a park or trail in San Jose

Adopting a park or trail is easy and offers the community an opportunity to share in improving and enhancing the City's parks and trails system. By participating in the APAT Program, our parks and trails will receive the personal care and attention they need in order to maintain a safe and clean environment. Individuals, groups, neighborhood associations, religious institutions, schools and businesses are all welcomed and encouraged to contribute to the enhancements and safety of our community parks and trails by adopting a park and/or trail.

The City of San Jose's General Services Department provides routine park and trail maintenance; however, the adopting individual or organization is responsible for giving the park or trail the extra care and attention it needs.

The City of San Jose will. . .

- Provide the group coordinator with a list of available parks and trails or any other information which may be helpful in selecting a park or trail space;
- Provide trash bags, litter sticks and gloves;
- Provide safety guidelines, trash removal and recycling information;



- Provide guidance for any special events or projects that you may want to do within your adopted park.

Adopters Agree To. . .

- Clean your park or trail at least once a month;
- Pick up litter/debris and place the filled trash bags in the designated areas;
- Make requests for any special projects in writing
- Report and vandalism or potential safety hazards found in your adopted space.

What Trails Can Be Adopted?

Distance (lf = linear feet)

Albertson Parkway

Cresta Vista Way to Curie Drive – 2,370 lf unpaved

Coyote Creek – Reach 4b

Stonegate Park to Capitol Expwy – 1.26 mi.

Coyote Creek – Reach 5

Capitol Expwy to Yerba Buena Rd. – 3,800 lf or .7 mi.

Coyote Creek – Reach 6

Yerba Buena Rd. to Coyote Creek Park (County) – 750 lf unpaved

Guadalupe River

Park Avenue to San Carlos Street – 750 lf

Guadalupe River

St. John Street to Santa Clara Street – 750 lf

Guadalupe River

San Carlos Street to Woz Way – 1,300 lf

Guadalupe River – Reach C1

Hwy 880 to Hedding Street – 1,200 lf

Guadalupe River – Reach C2

Hedding Street to Coleman – 4,275 lf or .8 mi.

Highway 87 Bike Trail

Capitol Expwy to Chynoweth Ave. – 1.08 mi.

Highway 87 Bike Trail

Willow Street to Capitol Expwy – 3.15 mi.

Los Alamitos Calero

Almaden Lake Park to Mazzone – 1,750 lf

Los Alamitos Calero (Redmond)

Mazzone Dr. – Camden A – 1.5 mi.

Los Alamitos Calero (Pfeiffer Park)

Camden Ave Greystone – 5,250 lf or .9 mi.

Los Alamitos Calero (Greystone)

Greystone Lane – Via Valiente – 1,750 lf

Los Alamitos Calero (Singer Park)

Via Valiente – Camden – 1.66 mi.

Los Alamitos Calero (Royalwood)

Camden Ave. – McKean – 1.16 mi.

Los Gatos Creek

Bascom Avenue to Leigh Avenue – 3,050 lf or .6 mi.

Los Gatos Creek

Leigh Avenue to Meridian Avenue – 4,040 lf or .8 mi.

Penitencia Creek Trail

Capitol Avenue to I-680 (County Park) – 3,170 lf or .6 mi.

**Penitencia Creek Trail**

I-680 to Jackson Avenue – 3,170 lf or .6 mi.

Penitencia Creek Trail

Piedmont Road to Viceroy Way (with in Park) partially paved
2,140 lf or .4 mi.

Penitencia Creek Trail

Summerview Drive to Capitol Ave. (County Trail) – 1,520 lf or .3 mi.

Silver Creek Trail (Lower-North) Reach 6

Story Road to Bambi Lane (Capitol Park) – 1,190 lf

Silver Creek Valley Trail – Reach 1

Fontanosa Road to Farnsworth (via Silver Creek Valley Road – 1.80 mi.

Silver Creek Valley Trail – Reach 2

Silver Creek Valley Rd to San Felipe Road (via Farnsworth Road)
5,230 lf or .9 mi.

Yerba Buena Creek Trail

San Felipe Road to Villa Vista Rd (via Evergreen Park) – 4,000 lf or .8 mi.

There are over 146 neighborhood parks and ten Regional Parks where volunteers may also help

Recognition

Volunteers are recognized with an adoption certificate, T-shirt and an invitation to our annual volunteer recognition event.

Interested?

Contact the Adopt-a-Park program at 408-277-4477 for more information, or visit the website: www.sjadopta-park.org. Click on Adopt-A-Trail.



Adopt-A-Park – Adopt Your Neighborhood or Regional Park Today!

Do you need community service hours? Do you want to make a difference in your community? Adopting a park is a great way for San José residents to demonstrate civic pride, while making a positive change in their community. By uniting with others who share a common interest in improving and maintaining the City's parkland and open spaces, volunteers improve the safety of these areas and contribute to a notable decrease in vandalism and pollution. ANYONE can adopt a park! Our volunteers include individuals, neighborhood associations, schools (students), church groups, senior citizens, youth groups, scouts, and businesses. Volunteers help care for their adopted areas in the following ways: picking up litter, removing graffiti, raking leaves, pulling weeds, sweeping courts and pathways, caring for trees, planting flowers and shrubs, and reporting park hazards.

Volunteers are very much needed to assist existing volunteers at adopted parks. So, contact the Adopt-A-Park office TODAY with a request to adopt a neighborhood park on City of San José property by calling (408) 277-4477 or visiting our Web site at www.sjadoptapark.org.

To participate in upcoming events, such as, the National River Cleanup and Coastal Cleanup Days, please contact our office or visit the Creek Connections Action Group Web site at www.cleanacreek.org.



Anti-Graffiti/Litter Program

The Anti-Graffiti/Litter program is designed to further beautify San José by preventing and removing graffiti and litter. This is done through community involvement, eradication and enforcement. Community involvement is the key to the long term success of the program. There are over 1,600 Pick-Up San José litter volunteers and 2,600 Adopt-a-Block Graffiti volunteers.

If all the bags of litter picked up by all participating Pick Up San José organizations and volunteers from July 1, 2002 (5,815,027 bags) were lined up next to each other, the line would stretch for 3,304 miles spanning a distance from San Jose to Providence, Rhode Island and back westward to Chillicothe, Ohio.

In January 2004 a Citywide survey identified 3,827 graffiti tags throughout San José. This is in sharp contrast with the January 1999 Citywide survey that identified 71,541 tags. The results a 96% reduction in graffiti, which reflects the successful collaborative effort put forth by the Staff and Volunteer's resolve to make San Jose the Cleanest Big City in America.

For free paint to remove graffiti call 408-277-3208. To report illegal dumping or volunteer for Pick Up San José, call 408-277-4000. Residents can also call the Anti-Graffiti Hotline at 408- 277-2758.

Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Program

Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Program removes tattoos from ex-gang involved and at-risk youth. Through the removal of these tattoos, it provides youth with the opportunity of growth in areas such as educational goals and career choices. The area focused on removing these tattoos applies only to visible areas: hands, wrists, forearms, neck & face. The Clean Slate Program assists youth in the following: Educational opportunities, job development life skills, counseling, and information on how to utilize community resources. Program Mission: Clean Slate Program removes tattoos from ex-gang involved and at-risk youth of San José, who have found tattoos to be a barrier in furthering themselves through education and/or employment. Services Provided: Needs assessment, case management, bi-weekly workshops, six-month follow-up, support upon completion, & referral services. Contact Information: 408-277-2824.

Neighborhood Development Center

The mission of the **Neighborhood Development Center (NDC)** is to assist all neighborhood associations, emerging and existing, in achieving their desired neighborhood quality of life. The NDC is the initial point of contact for residents to mobilize and organize their neighborhoods. The services provided by the NDC are designed to build the leadership and capacity of residents to attain their neighborhood goals.

The NDC provides specialized training courses and workshops designed to build leadership capacity in community leaders, and offers a broad range of services designed to meet the needs of both individuals and community groups. The following services are provided by the NDC:

I. Training

The NDC provides specialized training courses and workshops designed to build leadership capacity in community leaders, and offers a broad range of services designed to meet the needs of both individuals and community groups. The **Leadership Development** and **Neighborhood Organizing Trainings** include various topics such as organizing communities, creating newsletters, using various computer programs, grant writing, fundraising, and

El Centro de Desarrollo Comunitario (NDC siglas en inglés) ofrece la Academia de la Comunidad en español, la cual consta de tres unidades y cada unidad de 4 clases. Estas clases son gratis y están diseñadas para:

- Informar sobre como tener acceso a servicios de la Ciudad, del Condado y de Organizaciones de Servicios Comunitarios
- Ayudar a fortalecer y a identificar líderes en su propia comunidad
- Proporcionar recursos para la seguridad y el crecimiento de la comunidad
- Dar la oportunidad de llevar a la práctica un proyecto para establecer un plan, implementar, evaluar y tomar acción
- Fortalecer las relaciones y alianzas con sus vecinos, asociaciones y otras entidades públicas y privadas

El Centro también ofrece clases de Desarrollo de Liderazgo y Organización Comunitaria. Entre los cursos ofrecidos se encuentran:

- Clases de Computadoras
- Recolección y Manejo de Fondos - Becas
- Superación Personal y mucho más

Estas clases son un esfuerzo para cumplir con las necesidades personales y profesionales del personal de la Ciudad y líderes comunitarios. Para obtener más información, comunicarse con la oficina del Centro de Desarrollo Comunitario al (408) 392.6771.

other trainings as requested. The Leadership Development Trainings are a concerted effort to meet the personal and professional needs of City staff and Community Leaders.

The Neighborhood Academy was established by the NDC due to the growing demand by San José residents seeking knowledge on how to improve their neighborhoods. The Academy features three units (4 sessions each) in English and in Spanish. These sessions are designed to supply residents with information essential to better access City services, become neighborhood leaders, and provide resources in the areas of neighborhood development and safety.

The Leadership Development and Neighborhood Academy classes are free to attend!

II. Neighborhood Development Services

Technological Resources: The Neighborhood Development Center offers a variety of technological and information resources at no charge to neighborhood associations.

Technical Resources include:

- Internet ready computers
- Printers
- Scanners
- Copy Machine
- Typewriters
- Fax services
- Software including Spanish translator, Vietnamese

Neighborhood Assistance: The Neighborhood Development Center offers the following assistance for existing and emerging neighborhood organizations:

- Neighborhood Organizing
- Establishing a Neighborhood Association
- Accessing City Services
- Developing and Implementing an Action Plan
- Consulting
- Creating Bylaws
- Connecting Resident Associations
- Grant Writing

Resource Library: Residents have access to over 200 books, videos and informational manuals to allow neighborhood leaders to learn more about grassroots fundraising/grants, tenants/property owner's rights and responsibilities and neighborhood organizing.

Translation: Offer support in translation of flyers and meeting agendas to assist emerging groups in their organizational and operational objectives. On occasion, documents for other City service providers that are engaged in those communities or who are providing services through the Neighborhood Academy, will also be provided with translation services.

The new address is: 43 E. Gish Road, First Floor, San José, CA 95112. To register for training or to access resources or services offered by Neighborhood Development Center, contact 408-392-6771 or view our website at www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/ndc.htm.



Leadership Development Training 2004

To provide the skills necessary to be a successful group of volunteers.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

September 8, 2004– Organizing a Successful Dumpster Day

7-8pm Presented by TBD
Held at Neighborhood Development Center
43 East Gish Road, First Floor

Organizing a successful Dumpster Clean-Up Day involves more than calling the hauling company to reserve bins. This class teaches the necessary steps to have a successful clean-up day. Participants receive valuable ideas, tips and a booklet on organizing Dumpster Days in their neighborhoods. It is a MUST for first-time Dumpster Day volunteers.

September 15, 2004 – Sustainability

6:30-8pm Presented by Kip Harkness
Held at Neighborhood Development Center
43 East Gish Road, First Floor

Provide community members with skills and methods necessary to maintain their respective organization.

September 22, 2004 – Conflict Resolution

6:30-8:30pm Presented by Cathy Morrey and Queen Ann Cannon
Held at Neighborhood Development Center
43 East Gish Road, First Floor

This training provides participants with a concise step-by-step strategy for coming to mutually acceptable agreements and gives them a strategy for the resolution of conflict. Participants will learn: steps for resolving conflicts that achieves rational results from negotiation, what to do when they refuse to negotiate, what to do when they get angry, what to do when they resort to dirty tricks, what to do when they have more power than you do, what to do when they don't play fair, how to build and maintain long-term positive relationships, how to develop creative solutions to difficult problems, and how to negotiate "win-win" outcomes.

September 29, 2004 – Local Grant Program

6:30-9pm Presented by Various Representatives
Held at Neighborhood Development Center
43 East Gish Road, First Floor

Have you ever had a question about a Grant Program in San Jose, but didn't know whom to call? This informational class will have a representative from each of the following grant programs: Community Action and Pride (CAP) Grants, San Jose Beautiful (SJB), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund (HNVF), Community Foundation of Silicon Valley (CFSV), and Resources for Families and Communities (RFC).

October 6, 2004 – Being Unstoppable and Enrolling Your Community

6:30-8:30pm Presented by Cathy Morrey and Queen Cannon
Held at Neighborhood Development Center
43 East Gish Road, First Floor

Do you ever feel tired of working hard and feel like you are the only one who cares about your community? Ever wonder how to attract other members in your community to join the group and make a difference in your community? Well, this class is for you! Find out how you can "enroll" others in your community to assist in projects, meetings or anything else makes a difference. BE UNSTOPPABLE!

October 13, 2004 – Strength in Diversity

6:30-8:30pm Presented Chata Alfaro
Held at Neighborhood Development Center
43 East Gish Road, First Floor

This workshop will help us identify how we unconsciously create barriers for inclusion and offer specific skills to develop and build strength through diversity.

October 14, 2004 – Coalition Building

6:30-8:30pm Presented by Rosamaria Hernandez and Autumn Gutierrez
Held at Neighborhood Development Center
43 East Gish Road, First Floor

Proper networking and coalition building among community organizations and City Departments will help to utilize various City and community resources to their fullest, and prevent duplication of efforts.

October 19, 2004 – Grant Writing for San Jose

6:30-8:30pm Presented by Cora Velasco
Held at Neighborhood Development Center
43 East Gish Road, First Floor

A well-written proposal, carefully researched funding sources, and an organization's readiness to seek grant funding are the keys to obtaining a grant. This two-hour training offers participants a step-by-step approach to writing a good proposal and understanding how to target the proposal to the appropriate funding source. The practical advice will get beginners started, while veteran proposal writers will pick up valuable tips. You will also gain valuable experience in writing proposals and developing proposal components through instruction and writing exercises.

If you are interested in taking any of these FREE classes, please call the Neighborhood Development Center at (408) 392-6771.
Neighborhood Development Center – 43 East Gish Road, First Floor San José, CA 95112

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be received 24 hours before start of class by contacting the Neighborhood Development Center at (408) 392-6771 (exceptions made for illness and family emergency). The names of no-show students will be recorded and may be given second priority for future training classes. Class is subject to cancellation if it is not at least 50% full.

Public Area Recycling Program

New recycling tops will be installed on nearly 800 public garbage cans this Fall, providing another convenient way for residents, workers and visitors to recycle on city streets. The new recycling top is self-contained and fits on top of the public garbage cans now found downtown, in transit areas and in some business districts, such as Japantown. Two 4-inch round openings for receiving the bottles and cans are clearly identified with the international recycle logo and the word "RECYCLE". The scavenger-friendly design has a 2-gallon to 5-gallon capacity, depending on the style. Plastic, aluminum, and glass beverage containers may be recycled in the top, while trash is still placed into the garbage can below.

Recycling containers may also be found in both regional and neighborhood parks in the City of San José. Funding for both programs is provided by the California Department of Conservation.

The Right Connection Program (R/C)

The R/C program is a citywide mobile street outreach unit that works primarily with gang-involved youth. The majority of these youth fall into one of the following categories: "Hard-core gang member" or "Gang-affiliated." The primary goal of the Right Connection when working with these youth is to dissuade them from the gang lifestyle, and to support them while they make the necessary changes in their lives. Another important aspect of our job is our focus on community safety. Working hand-in-hand with the Safe Schools Campus Initiative, we keep up to date on all the gang trends and climate throughout the City of San José schools and communities. The program strategically places staff in areas of the City that are found to have high incidences of gang or youth violence, working to de-escalate the violence through outreach and mediations. Our program's size and diversity consists of 42 total staff, with an ethnic mix of Mexican, Belizian, African-American, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Samoan, and Filipino and with the ability to speak seven different languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Samoan, and Tagalog.

During the course of providing services, we run across youth from a variety of backgrounds facing a wide range of issues. Often, one of these issues is that they have dropped out or have been kicked out of school. One of the priorities for us when we meet with these kids is to share with them the importance of education, and to assist them in school reentry when possible.

The Right Connection Program is primarily a referral service, although they do conduct home visits and follow up when necessary. The staff is continually reaching out to youth that hang out in the parks, community centers, and on the streets. 8am to 9pm, Monday through Friday.

Contact: 408-251-6026

Safe Schools Campus Initiative

Safe School Campus Initiative represents partnerships between the school district, the Police Department, County Probation, Non Profit Community Based organizations and City Intervention Teams. This multi disciplinary team (MDT) work collaboratively to create safer school campuses by ensuring that violence related issues are addressed in a proactive and timely manner.

Another entity of SSCI is the Right Connection program. Right Connection provides mediation to volatile situations and outreach to youth that are gang involved. The goal for the program is to help reduce gang violence and divert gang-involved individuals to services that will further assist them in disassociating themselves from the gang culture. Right Connection also provides gang awareness presentations to school groups and organizations throughout the community.

Follow-up assistance is provided to students and families to assist in re-establishing a safe school neighborhood environment. **Contact: 408 251-6026**

Our Mission: To support the livability of neighborhoods, offer opportunities for individuals to enjoy life, and strengthen communities of people.

The City of San José Parks and Recreation Commission advises the City Council and PRNS Director, and provides input into policies and issues affecting existing or proposed parks, community centers and recreation programs.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Meetings on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 5 pm.

For information contact:
Cindy Escobar at (408) 277-4768
fax (408) 277-3155

Parks Commission Website
www.ci.san-jose.ca.us/prns/comms



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

San José Beautiful

The San José Beautiful Program, through the leadership of a volunteer Steering Committee, exists for the purpose of making San José more beautiful through advocacy, education, and empowerment. Visit www.sjbeautiful.org for more information. San José Beautiful programs and activities augment other City programs by empowering citizens to volunteer at the neighborhood and citywide level.

Contact: 408-277-5208

Examples of this work include:

Earth Balloon Portable Classroom: This 19 foot replica of the planet is made out of thousands of NASA photographs and San José has the first one on the West Coast. Children and adults alike walk inside for environmental or geography lessons. It is portable and available for rentals to schools and neighborhood associations.

Daffodil Planting: Volunteers are recruited from each City Council district, neighborhoods and schools to beautify San José by planting daffodils in a publicly viewed area of their choice.

Beautification Grants: This program provides funding to be matched through volunteer efforts and/or cash donations for the purpose of improving outdoor public spaces. These projects must be within the City limits of San José and in a highly visible public area.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ISN'T JUST FOR EARTHQUAKES!!

San José PREPARED! will help you become better prepared for everyday emergencies as well as to plan for larger disasters. Lectures and hands-on instruction address the following and more:

- How can my family/neighborhood be organized for emergency response?
- What is the safest way to use a fire extinguisher?
- How should large numbers of victims be prioritized for medical care?
- What is the proper way to do search and rescue?
- What is the terrorism threat and what can I do about it at home or at work?

Call San José PREPARED!, 408.277.598 or check our Website for on-line registration:
www.ci.san-jose.ca.us/oes/sanjoseprepared

San José B.E.S.T. Program

The B.E.S.T. Program manages funding and resources to qualified B.E.S.T. service providers who provide opportunities and services to youth exhibiting at-risk, high-risk and gang involved behaviors and their families. These services are coordinated toward contributing measurable outcomes in the overall strategic goal areas of 1) Building the capacity of community service agencies, 2) Increasing school/community safety, 3) Increasing educational achievement, 4) Addressing juvenile delinquency and gang related problems while building new life skills through intervention programs. The B.E.S.T. service providers work closely with schools throughout the City of San José, and in fact provide services to 93-school campuses. The B.E.S.T. program implements various service strategies that are designed to prevent escalating school failure, school chronic absenteeism, dropping out of school, and school reentry programs (such as the 21st Century Program).

Contact: 408-277-4963.

San José Animal Care & Services

The **San José Animal Care Center** will soon be open. Our brand new building is located at 2750 Monterey Road (cross of Umbarger). This state of the art facility will feature a large adoption center with many wonderful pets to choose from. Please call for future visiting hours and come check us out!

If you have extra time and would like to help our shelter animals you can sign up to be a volunteer. There are many volunteer opportunities available so come join our team and make a difference.

San José Animal Care & Services responsibilities include:

- Picking up stray, injured and dead animals
- Responding to animal related emergencies
- Enforcing all state and local animal laws including barking dogs, vicious dogs, and animal bites
- Investigating reports of animal cruelty, abuse and neglect
- Processing dog and cat licenses
- Issuing permits for animal businesses

For more information about our facility or programs please call us at 408-578-PAWS.

San José Future Teacher Loan Program (FTLP)

The San José Future Teacher Loan Program was created as a teacher recruitment tool to help San José schools hire more teachers. The FTLP offers a \$3,000 a year (total of five years/\$15,000) forgivable loan to any undergraduate, post-graduate or credential student that is willing to teach in San José upon completion of their certifications.

Contact: 408-794-1660

Striving Towards Achievement With New Direction (S.T.A.N.D.)

S.T.A.N.D. for Women and Men is a program designed for youth in need of gang intervention. S.T.A.N.D. serves youth that are involved with or impacted by gangs. These program are specifically designed to provide services to each gender. The S.T.A.N.D. Program assists youth in the following areas: Reduction of delinquent behavior, prevention of further gang involvement, increase in academic achievement. Program Mission: To assist youth ages 12 to 21, in disassociating themselves from a gang involved lifestyle and guide them towards positive alternatives. Services Provided: Needs assessment, case management, S.T.A.N.D. curriculum, referral services, six-month follow-up support upon completion, presentations and workshops, intervention assistance outreach to incarcerated youth. Diversion Programs: County Morgue, Folsom and Soledad Prisons for the males, Chowchilla Prison for the females.

Contact: 408-277-2739

A San Jose Downtown Association production



**DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE
FARMER'S MARKET**

Every Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
San Pedro Square

(408) 279-1775 www.sjdowntown.com

Mineta San José International Airport Neighborhood Services Group www.sjc.org

The Airport Neighborhood Services Group (ANSG) is available to assist residents with questions pertaining to the Mineta San José International Airport. The ANSG was formed to provide the community with information on the Airport Improvement Program and serve as a resource to neighborhoods and businesses interested in learning more about the Airport's many services and programs. Community Liaisons are available to speak to service clubs, schools, neighborhood associations and business organizations on a variety of airport related matters.

Airport Neighborhood Services Group	408.501.0979 communityinput@sjc.org
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Noise Report Recorder	408.452.0707 noisecenter@sjc.org
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Acoustical Treatment Program (ACT)	408.501.0955 actprogram@sjc.org
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City Call Center (24hrs/ 7 days)	408.277.4000
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Strong Neighborhoods Initiative

The Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) is a commitment made by the Mayor and the City Council to unite San José communities and strengthen City neighborhoods. SNI is a partnership between the City of San José, San José Redevelopment Agency, and the community to build clean, safe and attractive neighborhoods with independent and capable neighborhood organizations.

SNI offers grants that help residents significantly improve the appearance and livability of their homes and neighborhoods. The SNI process provides the means for neighbors to get to know each other and work together toward the betterment of their community.

Community involvement is the cornerstone of San José's SNI. Community involvement and partnerships have made many neighborhood projects possible, for example, the renovation of a neighborhood park playground located at Watson Park. Money raised at a community led event turned a vacant 13-acre parcel into a neighborhood park. SNI neighborhoods host and participate in many events throughout the year. National Night Out and Pride Days are two events that are coordinated and hosted by the community.

You can get involved by joining your Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC). Get the entire family involved by volunteering for a neighborhood improvement project. Keep informed, attend a NAC meeting and learn more about projects, events, and volunteering in your area. See below for meeting dates and locations. For more information call the Neighborhood Development Center at 408-392-6771 or visit the SNI website at www.strongneighborhoods.org.

SNI Areas

NAC Monthly Meetings

Blackford

First Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm
Starbird Community Center
1050 Boynton Ave.

Burbank/ Del Monte

Fourth Thursday, 7-8:30pm
Sherman Oaks Community Center
1800A Fruitdale Ave.

Delmas Park

First Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm
Esperanza Pensione Housing Facility
598 Columbia Ave.

East Valley/ 680 Communities

Third Thursday, 6-7pm
National Hispanic University
4271 Story Rd.

Edenvale/ Great Oaks

First Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm
Stipe Elementary School Cafeteria
5000 Lyng Dr.

Five Wounds/ Brookwood Terrace

Fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm
McKinley Neighborhood Center
651 Macredes Ave.
(located next to the McKinley School
on Appian Wy. off McLaughlin Ave.)

Gateway East

Fourth Tuesday, 6-8:30pm
Mexican Heritage Plaza
1700 Alum Rock Ave.

Greater Gardner

Fourth Monday, 7-9pm
Gardner Academy Room #315
502 Illinois Ave.

Hoffman/ Via Monte

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm
Almaden Hills United
Methodist Church
1200 Blossom Hill Rd.

K.O.N.A.

Third Monday, 6-8pm
Visit the Website or call for the location

Market/Almaden

Second Monday, 6:30-8:30pm
Visit the Website or call for the location

Mayfair

Fourth Thursday, 6-8:30pm
Mayfair Community Center
2039 Kammerer Ave.

Spartan/Keyes

Second Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm
Leininger Center at Kelley Park
1300 Senter Rd.

Thirteenth Street

Third Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm
Watson Community Center
1082-A Jackson St.

Tully/Senter

First Thursday, 6-7pm
Visit the Website or call for the location

University

Second Tuesday, 6-8:30pm
Lowell Elementary School
625 S. 7th St.

Washington

Second Thursday, 6:30-9pm
Alma Senior Center
136 W. Alma Ave.

West Evergreen

Fourth Monday, 6:30-8:30pm
Visit the Website or call for the location

Winchester

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8pm
Church of the Nazarene
3275 Williams Rd.

Work Experience Program (WEP)

WEP employs youth, ages 14-16 in City departments to gain valuable work experience that ensures they meet the expectations of Silicon Valley employers and are on track for college or a career. Youth receive twenty-hours of workshops covering the following: career/college awareness, goal setting, leadership, interviewing skills and on the job etiquette. Completion of the 8-week program includes graduation certificate, employment referrals, and a Career Portfolio.

Contact: 408-277-3578

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program has moved to the office of Economic Development. For more information, call 408-928-1300.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas In The Park

Christmas in the Park is a non-profit corporation comprised of volunteer citizens who donate their time and energy to make the exhibit a reality each year. As co-sponsor, the City of San José, Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, works closely with the Board of Directors to bring this "Gift of Joy and Magic" to more than 400,000 visitors annually. Board members and community volunteers donate more than 257,000 hours and raise funds year-round to support this well-loved holiday tradition in San José.

During the month of December, Plaza de Cesar Chavez is transformed into a holiday fantasy with over 60 musical and animated exhibits, hundreds of decorated trees and thousands of twinkling lights. Guests enter a winter wonderland of lights, songs and entertainment by local schools and groups, and stroll through a forest of trees decorated by San José schools, community groups and businesses. For more information, call 408-995-NOEL or visit www.christmasinthepark.com.

San José Holiday Parade

The San José Holiday Parade, considered one of the "Top 25 Parades in America" by the International Festivals and Events Association, is the largest parade of its kind in Northern California, and one of the largest in the state. Each year on the second Sunday following Thanksgiving, the parade ushers in the holidays with its giant helium balloons, over two dozen marching bands, creative floats, dozens of specialty units, fun characters and Santa Claus.

The San José Holiday Parade is a program of PRNS and produced in conjunction with Christmas in the Park and NBC11. For more information on the San José Holiday Parade, including volunteer information or sponsorship, visit www.sanjoseholidayparade.com or call 408-277-3303.



Breakfast With Santa



Do your children want the chance to tell Santa exactly what they want for the holidays? Why stand in long lines at the mall when you can have breakfast with Santa at one of San José's Community Centers? Enjoy a delicious breakfast and visit with Santa. Bring your cameras to capture this special moment. All family members are welcome.

Berryessa Community Center - December 18
Moreland West San Jose Comm. Center - December 11
Roosevelt Community Center - December 11
Shirakawa Community Center - December 11

Call the listed Community Center for specific information.



Sunday, December 5, 2004
Downtown San José
www.sanjoseholidayparade.com



The San Jose Holiday Parade is a program of the City of San José
Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services
and Christmas in the Park, Inc.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Measure P

Thanks to San José voters, 71 neighborhood park projects and one regional park project have been completed since November of 2000, when the Safe Neighborhood Parks and Recreation Bond was overwhelmingly passed. Measure P's \$228 million bond will allow the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department to begin and complete close to 100 Park Bond projects, including the renovation, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of:

- 73 neighborhood parks
- Nine community centers
- Five regional parks/facilities
- Five trail projects
- Two sports parks

Capital Projects

In addition to projects supported through Measure P, in 2002-2003 the City also funded capital projects through the Construction and Conveyance Tax, Community Development Block Grant, General Fund, and funds from

the Redevelopment Agency in support of Strong Neighborhoods Initiative projects. In 2004, 44 projects have been completed and 68 projects are in progress. The 2003-2004 projects included:

Council District 1

- Cypress Center (Renovations)
- San Tomas/Saratoga Creek Trail

Council District 2

- Completion of Southside Center (Phase II and III)

Council District 3

- Bernal Park
- Northside Community Center

Council District 4

- Mabury Park

Council District 5

- Plata Arroyo Play Area (Renovation)
- Silvia Cassell Park Play Area (Renovation)

Council District 6

- Buena Vista Park
- Rose Garden



Council District 7

- Solari Park
- Tully Ballfields

**Council District 8**

- Fowler Creek
- Montgomery Hill Park Bridge

Council District 9

- Doerr Park Youth Lot (Renovation)
- Camden Center (Expansion/Renovation)

Council District 10

- TJ Martin Park Play Area (Renovation)
- Guadalupe River Trail

What's Next?

During the next few years, the City's attention to Bond projects will be primarily focused on completing community center and regional park projects. For now, the City will concentrate on the completion of the many active park projects. However, each year, during the annual capital budget process, new projects may be considered and approved.

San José Animal Care & Services

In anticipation of the opening of the City of San José's brand new

ANIMAL CARE CENTER

This Fall we are asking for donations of blankets, towels, and newspaper to comfort our community's homeless animals.

Items may be dropped off at 1821 Zanker Road in San Jose.

**408-578-PAWS**

“Saving lives one adoption at a time.”